

**IHS/CAO TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> ,2005**  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b>Members in attendance:</b>	<b>Tribe Represented</b>	<b>Region Represented</b>
Mr. Peter Masten, Jr.	Hoopa Valley Tribe	Northern
Ms. Diane Holiday,	Blue Lake Rancheria	Northern
Mr. Richard Steward,	Elem Indian Colony,	West Central
Ms. Donna Schuler	Sherwood Valley Rancheria	West Central
Mr. Jack Musick	La Jolla Rancheria	Southern
Ms. Christina Arzate,	Santa Rosa Reservation	Southern
Ms. Rosemary Nelson,	Unaffiliated Representative	

**IHS staff in attendance:**

Ms. Margo Kerrigan,	Area Director
Mr. J. Paul Redeagle,	Deputy Area Director
Dr. David Sprenger,	Acting Chief Medical Officer
Mr. Dennis Heffington,	ISDA Program Manager
Ms. Beverly Miller,	Associate Director, OMS
Ms. Debrah Ward,	Management Analyst
Mr. Ed Fluette,	Associate Director, OEHE

The California Area Tribal Advisory Committee (CATAC) meeting began on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and ended January 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. In addition to the attendees listed above, this meeting was open to and attended by additional tribal and program leaders, Indian Health Service (IHS) staff, and guests.

Ms. Margo Kerrigan, Director, California Area Indian Health Service (CAIHS), opened the meeting with a welcome, and introductions.

**BUDGET FORMULATION ACTIVITY** -- Ms. Beverly Miller, Associate Director, Office of Management Support, presented an overview of the budget formulation process and guided the group through available options for consideration in the formulation of the CAIHS input to the FY 2007 budget. Ms. Miller provided the FY 2006 budget recommendations submitted last year as well as the list of health priority considered. The list of health priorities was reviewed and "diabetes/obesity" and "alcohol/substance abuse" (without affecting the Youth Regional Treatment Center priority) were added to the CAIHS list.

Since the next national meeting to examine health priorities is set for March 15<sup>th</sup>, it was proposed to send the list out to all California Area tribes for review and input prior to the meeting.

The FY 2006 Health Priorities from the California Area were amended are as follows:

CHS  
Diabetes/Obesity  
Alcohol/Substance Abuse  
Cancer  
Heart Disease  
Mental Health  
Indian Health Care Improvement Act Funding  
Outpatient/Ambulatory  
HP/DP  
Maintenance & Improvement  
Water/Sanitation Projects  
Injury Prevention

**ANNUAL TRIBAL LEADER'S MEETING** - Ms. Debrah Ward provided draft agenda of the Annual Tribal Leader's Meeting scheduled for March 15, 16, and 17 in Reno, NV, to all members for final review. The theme for this years meeting is "Choosing a Health Lifestyle". After a review and discussion of the agenda, tribal moderators were selected for each morning and afternoon sessions.

**YRTC ISSUES** - Ms. Kerrigan and Dr. Sprenger provided input into this discussion. In response to questions, Dr. Sprenger provided the following:

The level of care provided to individual referrals is determined by program alcohol counselors and depends on the severity of the problems, ie., 12 step program or residential care.

In California, the YRTC is part of a network of alcohol substance abuse treatment, the CRIHB SAMHSA grant is primarily for aftercare treatment.

Group homes in California are the UAI West Covina, Los Angeles, home set up with beds for 6 females, Hoopa Valley Tribe Willow Lodge with 4 beds for females, and due in mid March, the Round Valley Tribes expect to open a home with 10 beds for males.

The search for land for YRTC facilities in the northern part of the state include potential sites near Sonoma, Ya Ka Ama, and another in Sacramento, former Mather Air Force Base.

In the southern part of the state, a parcel of land at Santa Ysabel was examined but because of hilly terrain is problematic. Another parcel of land near Lake Wolford looks promising, however it is dependant on whether or not San Pasqual Tribe is successful in converting title to trust status.

At the next CATAC meeting, the members should expect to visit the YRTC at Pyramid Lake, near Reno.

**HEALTH PROMOTION/DISEASE PREVENTION** -- Ms. Beverly Calderon, Certified Diabetes Educator and Nutritionist, presented a handout entitled "*California Area Indian Health Service Health Promotion Disease Prevention Program 2005 Strategic Plan*". The future development of the plan will allow full integration, both past and future, of tribal and urban initiatives and the Health and Human Services Healthy People 2010. The implementation of the plan will lead to measurable improvements in the health status of Indian people in the future and meet the IHS goal to decrease health disparities among American Indians/Alaska natives.

During this year, a California team will be recruited and trained to participate in a program to implement the 2006 Health Native Communities Fellowship Program.

**HEALTH FACILITIES MASTER PLAN** - Mr. Ed Fluette, Associate Director of the Office of Environment Health and Engineering, spoke of the Master Plan, directed by Congress, to identify health facility needs throughout IHS, and the Health Facility Construction Priority System.

As the construction priority system as initially developed, it would not benefit California tribes, but only large tribes with large inpatient facilities. A workgroup was developed to study the priority system and recommend changes that would benefit all IHS areas including those with smaller tribes. The approximate total cost to identify facility and health needs in the California Area is expected to be \$800,000.

Ms. Donna Schuler summarized the tribal comments received by the Facility Appropriation Advisory Board regarding the Health Facility Construction Priority System methodology by December 15-16, 2004.

**CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID (CMS) - T TAG** - Mr. James Crouch, Executive Director, California Rural Indian Health Board, Inc., provided handouts including notes from the MMPC teleconference of January 12, 2005, agenda for the Tribal Technical Advisory Group (T-Tag) Meeting planned for February 2-3, 2005 in Baltimore, Maryland, and a resolution requesting development of an AI/AN plan for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. These handouts are available.

Mr. Crouch also discussed the current actions and recommendations regarding the Indian Health Care Improvement Act reauthorization, and the California Epi Center status. The Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc. is producing and distributing the monthly mortality report, Indian Health Council, Inc. is working with University of San Diego and SSU regarding data quality and elder care issues. Mr. Crouch reiterated that the health service information data is available to everyone.

In her closing comments, Ms. Kerrigan reminded everyone that a proposed California Area Health Board came initially from discussion of a California Area Epi Center.

She also reported that the Veterans Administration interest in working with IHS health programs with shared service agreements has resulted in Lake County Tribal Health Consortium, Inc. being close to finalizing an agreement, Feather River Tribal Health, Inc. will be providing services for veterans in Marysville, and the Indian Health Council, Inc. will serve veterans in the area from San Diego and La Jolla.

**SITE VISIT TO MATHER** - With the assistance of the Mr. Kerry Gragg, the CATAC made a site visit to the former Mather Air force Base in Rancho Cordova for the purpose of evaluating and looking at this site for a potential California Area Youth Regional Treatment Center.

**NEXT CALIFORNIA AREA TRIBAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING** - The next CATAC meeting has not been scheduled.

**CATAC Workgroups** -- Three national workgroups currently active with representatives from the California Area:

Ms. Rachel Joseph and Mr. Joseph Saulque are the California Area Tribal Representatives to the National Budget Formulation Workgroup.

Ms. Christina Arzate, and Mr. Peter Masten, alternate, are the California Area Tribal representatives to the Secretary DHHS Tribal Consultation Policy Revision Workgroup.

Mr. John Carney, Executive Director, Riverside-San Bernardino County Indian Health, Inc., is the representative to the Federal/Tribal/State Human Services Workgroup.

Ms. Donna Schular, Sherwood Valley Rancheria, serves as the California representative to the Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board. Mr. Jack Musick is the alternate for Ms. Schular.

Ms. Christina Arzate also serves as the California representative to the national Tribal Leader's Diabetes Committee.